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DISINVESTMENT OF PSUs
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to disinvest some Public Sector Undertakings in the current Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the names of the PSUs identified so far alongwith the names of those PSUs already disinvested;

(c) whether the Government has also drawn any plan to achieve the target fixed for current five year plan;

(d) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise; and

(e) the steps proposed to protect the interest of employees affected therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) The disinvestment policy of the Government is stated in the National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) and appropriate decisions are taken from time to time in line with the NCMP.

(b) Currently, there is no ongoing case of disinvestment of a PSU. The PSUs disinvested through Strategic Sale during the current Five Year Plan are 1. Hindustan Zinc Ltd. 2. Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd. 3. India Tourism Development Corporation (Ten hotel properties viz (i) Kovalam Ashok Beach Resort, (ii) Manali Ashok, (iii) Khajuraho Ashok, (iv) Varanasi Ashok, (v) Aurangabad Ashok, (vi) Kanishka, New Delhi, (vii) Indraprastha, New Delhi, (viii) Chandigarh Project, (ix) Hotel Ranjit, New Delhi and (x) Hotel Airport Kolkata), 4. Centaur Hotel Airport Mumbai of Hotel Corporation of India Ltd. and 5. Jessop & Co. Ltd. The PSUs in which a minority portion of the Government's shareholding was sold through Offers for Sale are 1. IBP Ltd., 2. Dredging Corporation of India Ltd., 3. GAIL (India) Ltd. 4. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. and 5. National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd.

(c) & (d) The Tenth Five Year Plan envisages realisation from disinvestment equal to 0.4% of the average GDP during the Plan period. Targets are fixed on an annual basis. The target for 2004-05 is Rs.4000 crore against which the achievement so far is Rs 2749 crores.

(e) The interest of employees is always adequately safeguarded including in the case of Strategic Sale, if any, by suitable provisions in the Share Holders Agreement entered into with the Strategic Partner.